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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) October 1, 2020 Meeting Highlights

Contract Approved for Storm Damage Repair on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved a construction contract with Precision Grade, Inc. in the amount of \$416,333 to repair storm damage from the 2017 storms to sites 4 and 6 on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. Storm Damage Site 4 is in Aptos near 615 Harriet Avenue. The project will repair the drainage ditch on the east side of the rail line that eroded due to the storms. Storm Damage Site 6 is located north of Santa Cruz near Three Mile Beach. The project will repair the damaged slope embankment and regrade the existing ditches north and south of an existing cross culvert which eroded due to the storms. Construction is anticipated to begin in October 2020 and will extend through January of 2021, weather permitting.

Presentation on Santa Cruz County and Monterey County Rail Network Integration Studies

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received a presentation on the Santa Cruz County and Monterey County Rail Network Integration Studies. The RTC received a planning grant from Caltrans in March 2019 to develop a Rail Network Integration Study. The Rail Network Integration Study (RNIS) is a component of the Transit Corridors Alternatives Analysis (TCAA) that is currently underway. The TCAA is evaluating the options for an integrated transit network that connects to a statewide rail network at a new Pajaro Station. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) also received a Rail Network Integration Study grant from Caltrans in 2018. The purpose of the Rail Network Integration Studies is to lay the groundwork for implementing the 2018 California State Rail Plan by determining connectivity, operations, equipment needs, governance, and community benefits. TAMC staff presented on the work they are doing to bring rail service to Monterey County that includes connectivity to the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line at Pajaro, local commuter service and greater regional access. For more information on the TCAA, visit <https://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/transitcorridora/>. For more information on the Monterey County Rail Extension, visit <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/monterey-county-rail-extension>.

North Coast Rail Trail - State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Operating Agreement

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved an Operating Agreement with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) that will provide access for the RTC to develop, operate, control and maintain portions of the North Coast Rail Trail through property owned by State Parks. The North Coast Rail Trail Project includes construction of 7.5 miles of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail's (MBSST) rail trail spine between Wilder Ranch and Davenport. While the term of the operating agreement is 25 years, RTC and State Parks intend to pursue a land transfer to provide RTC an ownership interest in most of the State Parks property

addressed in the Operating Agreement. For more on the North Coast Rail Trail project, visit <https://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/monterey-bay-sanctuary-scenic-trail/>.

Upcoming RTC and Committee Meetings

Due to precautions associated with COVID-19 (coronavirus), **all RTC and committee meetings will be held by teleconference only until further notice.** Please check the RTC website [<https://sccrtc.org/meetings/calendar/>] or call 460-3200 to confirm meeting and teleconference information. Agendas are posted to the website at least 3 days before the meeting. Meetings may be canceled if there are no action items to be considered by the committee.

The RTC is committed to its compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) during this time of national emergency. Please contact the RTC at least 3 days in advance of a meeting if special accommodations are needed. If any document, webpage, meeting, or recording is inaccessible to you, kindly notify us at info@sccrtc.org or by calling 831-460-3200.

Regional Transportation Commission

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee

Thursday, October 8, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Interagency Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 22, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Public input on transportation issues is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, visit the SCCRTC website at www.sccrtc.org or call 460-3200. Some Regional Transportation Commission meetings are televised countywide by Community TV of Santa Cruz. Consult www.communitytv.org or call 831-425-8848 for schedule and station information.